

Agency 408

Marine Employees' Commission**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	2.3		367	367
Total Maintenance Level	2.3		383	383
Difference			16	16
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%		4.4%	4.4%
Performance Changes				
Court Reporter Costs			2	2
General Inflation			(2)	(2)
Subtotal				
Total Proposed Budget	2.3		383	383
Difference			16	16
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%		4.4%	4.4%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Marine Labor Relations	2.3		383	383
Total Proposed Budget	2.3		383	383

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Court Reporter Costs**

In the past five years, the caseload of the Marine Employees' Commission has increased from an average of nineteen to fifty-two cases filed per fiscal year. The Commission will hold more hearings to resolve these disputes. Hearings are the most costly part of the adjudicatory process because they include court reporter and hearing transcript expenses. This funding will also cover the rate increase of the court reporting service (ten percent as of September 1, 2004). (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**Marine Labor Relations**

The Marine Employees' Commission resolves disputes between ferry system management and the thirteen unions representing ferry workers to ensure continuous operation of the ferries. Commission members are trained as administrative law judges and hear charges of unfair labor practices and grievances from collective bargaining agreements. (Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account-State)